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MUDA duped by... MUDA employees !

- Fake bank challans, fake seals used
- Three employees go into hiding, switching off their cell phones
- Complaint lodged at Lakshmipuram Police Station

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Nov. 9- After the revelation of a previous scam involving the use of a forged signature of the transferred Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Secretary and KAS Officer S. Kusumakumari, to issue a Title Deed for a site, yet another scam worth crores of rupees has come to light within MUDA. This time, fake bank challans and counterfeit MUDA seals were employed to carry out fraudulent activities.

The MUDA Special Tahsildar has officially filed a complaint with the Lakshmipuram Police, implicating five individuals who submitted these fake bank challans as proof of fee payment for Khata transfer in connection with sites in MUDA-approved private layouts.

(See MUDA EMPLOYEES on page 9)

Pressure not to file Police complaint

Mysuru, Nov. 9- As soon as the fake bank challan scam came to light, certain vested interests began applying pressure on MUDA officials to dissuade them from filing Police complaints. These same interests are also attempting to influence the Police not to pursue criminal cases based on these complaints.

(See POLICE COMPLAINT on page 9)

Deepavali cracker bursting from 8 pm to 10 pm only

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (RK&BCT)- In the wake of Supreme Court's nationwide ban on firecrackers, the Mysuru District Administration has issued a directive for the upcoming Deepavali festival. The directive restricts the bursting of crackers to a two-hour window, from 8 pm to 10 pm. Additionally, the Pollution Control Board will enforce strict measures against the sale of non-eco-friendly crackers, allowing only 'green' crackers to be sold.

(See CRACKER BURSTING on page 9)

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Mysuru, Thursday 9th November 2023

Qualified for State-level Skating Competition

Daksh Pathange

Mysuru, Nov. 9- Daksh Pathange, a student of Excel Public School, Mysuru, participated in the 34th District Roller Skating Competition in the age group of 7 to 9 and secured 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.

He is qualified for the 39th State Championship and will be representing Mysuru district in the Championship which is being held in Mangaluru today (Nov. 9).

Daksh (son of Deepak Pathange and Divya Suthrave, residents of Gokulam) is trained under Sanjith Gowda (National medalist) in Vijayanagar Roller Skating Club, Mysuru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

On November 12 this year, people around the world will celebrate Deepavali, the festival of lights, to mark the victory of good over evil, of light over darkness. There exists another type of light studied by saints and mystics since time immemorial — the inner Light. This inner Light can be experienced without the help of any technology or outer aides, because it resides within us.

Deepavali has the ritual of lighting candles and lamps. It illustrates the importance of lighting the lamp within us — and celebrating the festival of the light of the soul. Experience of this inner Light helps us unravel the deepest mysteries of life.

So, how can we experience this inner Light? Each of us is born with a spiritual eye, a gateway between and behind the two eyebrows that opens into the inner spiritual world. When, through the process of meditation, we withdraw our attention from the distractions of the outer world and focus it at this gateway, we can connect with the inner Light. As we do so, we awaken to the realities of this existence.

Living at the level of our physical senses, we take ourselves to be the body and we focus our attention on the attractions and distractions of the outer world — a world of impermanence, where lasting happiness and peace are unattainable. It is only when we take our attention away from the outer world and focus it on the spiritual eye, the gateway between the inner and outer worlds, that we can experience the light and love of the inner worlds. Love and light dispel all darkness and enlighten us. In this light, clarity of our vision sets in and we are able to find our way back to God.

As we embark on the inner journey through meditation, we connect with the light of God and are imbued with divine love. We awaken to our true nature as spirit and having experienced God's love, we become fearless in the face of all difficulties. Life takes on new meaning as we learn to live in a manner that brings us peace, that brings us closer to God.

This human birth is our opportunity to bask in the inner Light so that we can glow with God's love. All it takes is the desire to do so. We all carry this light within and it is through meditation that we can experience it and share it with others, truly celebrating the festival of lights.

—Sant Rajinder Singh in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Drink promises to cut blood alcohol level

New York: Safety Shot, a new blood alcohol detox drink set to launch later this year, promises to reduce blood alcohol content in less than an hour after consumption and make hangovers a thing of the past.

The global market for hangover cures is growing faster than ever. One of the most promising companies in the field is Safety Shot (formerly Jupiter Wellness), whose upcoming product, set to launch in Q4 of 2023, has been described as "the biggest disruption in the drink market" to date and "the epitome of beverage innovation". Its patented formula is said to be able to slash a person's blood alcohol content in half in just 30 minutes, giving them a general feeling of well-being and reducing the risk of alcohol poisoning and even hangovers.

Human skull spotted in shop's Halloween display

Florida: An anthropologist made a haunting discovery after a real human skull was spotted in the Halloween display of a charity shop in Florida.

Police were alerted after the customer suspected the head smiling back at them was more than just a spooky decoration.

The owner of the store in North Myers said the skull had been found in a storage unit purchased years beforehand.

Lee County Sheriff's Office said: "In a twist of not-so-humerus events: today, Lee County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit detectives were notified of a skull located at a thrift store in North Fort Myers... Based upon the observations of detectives on scene, the skull is believed to be that of a human."

The Lee County Sheriff's Office said it will work with the District 21 Medical Examiner's Office to carry out further tests on the remains.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: PCOS can be cured.
Reality: Polycystic ovarian syndrome can be controlled by diet and exercise and medications.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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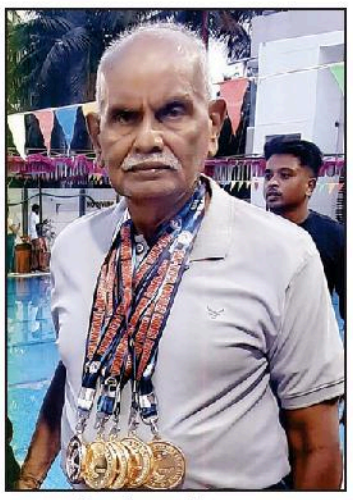
Senior swimmer wins five gold medals in Nationals



Sundaram Basappa

Mysuru, Nov. 9- City's 80-year-old senior swimmer Sundaram Basappa has bagged 5 gold medals in swimming contest at the Karnataka Open National Masters Games-2023 organised by Masters Games Association of Karnataka (affiliated to Pan India Masters Games Federation) at Hubballi and Dharwad on Nov. 4 and 5.

Owner of Sri Manjunatha Dish View and a resident of Vivekanandanagar in city, Sundaram, representing Karnataka, has secured gold medal each in 50m Freestyle (01:24:72), 50m Back Stroke (01:43:35), 100m Back Stroke (03:58:80) and 50m Breast Stroke (02:20:77) in the '75 and Above' age category and 100m Freestyle (03:26:19) in '80 and Above' age category.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Address road fatalities with a comprehensive approach

Sir,

Tackling road fatalities requires a multi-pronged, mission-oriented strategy. The latest road statistics reveal a deeply concerning trend, with 1.68 lakh people losing their lives on Indian roads in 2022, marking an 11.9 percent increase compared to the previous year.

Even more disturbing is the fact that 67 percent of these fatalities involve individuals in the age group of 18-45 years, causing immense trauma for families and resulting in significant economic losses for the nation.

India takes pride in possessing world's second-largest road network, second only to USA. Since 1950, when India had 20,000 kms of National Highways and a mere 3 lakh vehicles, there has been a phenomenal growth in both infrastructure and the vehicle population. Presently, India boasts a network of over 63,31,791 kms and a vehicle population of 326.26 million.

Two-wheelers constitute 75 percent of the total vehicle population and they are involved in 45% of all fatalities. Vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians, cyclists and two-wheeler riders, are at highest risk of accidents. Several causes contribute to these accidents, often attributed to human errors, including over-speeding, driving under influence of alcohol, reckless overtaking, failure to adhere to lane discipline and ignoring traffic signals, among others.

The Government, too, bears responsibility for the persistently high fatality rates. Issues range from design flaws in road infrastructure, inadequate signalling and control, non-standard road curvatures, poor lighting, insufficient signage, inadequate traffic control and subpar maintenance, leading to pothole-related fatalities.

According to the Ministry of Transport's report, potholes were responsible for 5,000 fatalities in 2022. The Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, which has seen numerous accidents since its opening in January, tragically claimed the lives of 121 people.

In an effort to combat pollution, the Indian Government is encouraging the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs). However, EVs pose a unique challenge due to their high acceleration capabilities, which can contribute to over-speeding.

In metropolitan areas like Bengaluru, buses are driven at such high speeds that some passengers have noticed conductors struggling to issue tickets in a timely manner. The Ministry of Transport has set a target to reduce road fatalities by 50 percent by 2024.

Unfortunately, historical data indicates that these targets have rarely been achieved.

In light of this, achieving the goal of reducing road fatalities demands a mission-mode approach at various levels. It necessitates close coordination and collaboration between the Central Government and States to address this complex and pressing issue effectively.

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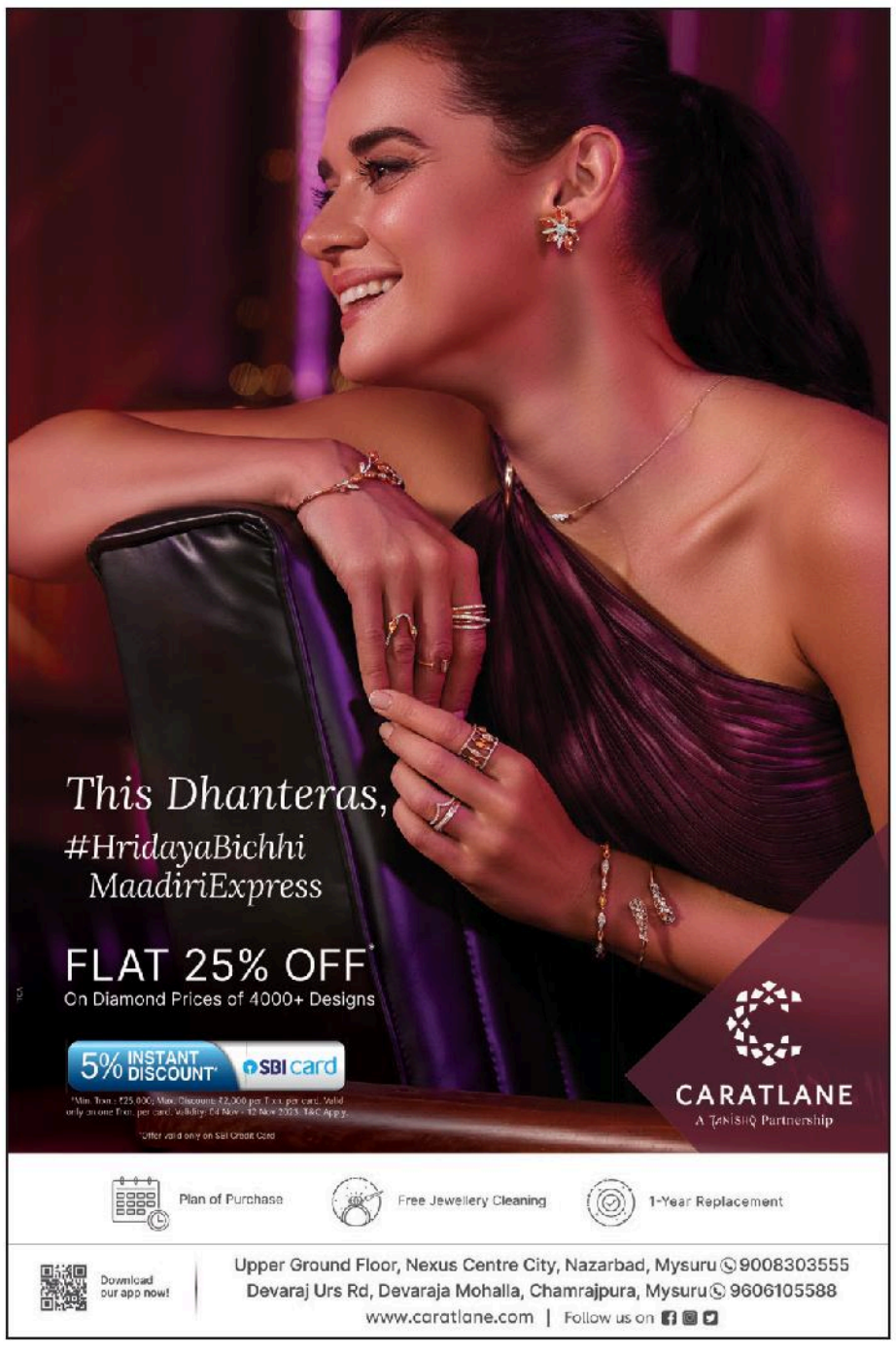

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NEWS BRIEFS

UoM Academic Council Meeting

The Academic Council Meeting of University of Mysore (UoM) will be held at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri at 11.30 am tomorrow (Nov. 10).

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works at Vijayanagar Power Distribution Centre there will be no power supply on Nov. 11 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Gokulam 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Mahadeshwara Layout, Vijayanagar 1st and 2nd Stages, Hinkal, Yadavagiri, Manjunathapura, Mahajana Layout, Vontikoppal, Jayalakshmipuram, CFTRI, DC's Bungalow, Nurse Quarters, Akashvani, ESI Hospital, Hasukaru Park, Kalidasa Road, Vijayanagar Water Tank, Adipampa Road, MMC Ladies Hostel, Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Brindavan Extension, Yoga Narasimhaswamy Temple and surrounding areas.

Financial aid

Rammanahalli Town Panchayat has invited applications from eligible persons residing within the limits of the Panchayat, for availing financial assistance under DAY-NULM (Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission) for self-employment. The last date for applying is Nov. 24.

The Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki SC/ST Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible persons for availing loans under various schemes (Self-employment / Entrepreneurship / Micro-Credit / Ganga Kalyana / Land Ownership) of the Corporation. The application forms can be submitted online. The last date for applying is Nov. 29. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430022.

Applications invited

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation and Karnataka Bovi Development Corporation have invited applications from eligible beneficiaries for availing benefits under various schemes (Self Employment Loan, ISB Plan, Ganga Kalyana, Land Ownership, Micro-Credit schemes etc.,). The eligible beneficiaries can apply online. The last date for applying is Nov. 29. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2332480.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-801,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by M.R. Anitha, Head Mistress and Resource Person, Kadanahalli Middle School, Mysuru taluk, at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Nov. 11 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115, according to a press release.

Ex-Serviceman, who had gone missing after leaving behind a death note, found dead

- Wife alleges 'honey trap,' lodges Police complaint
- Expert divers from Mangaluru trace body

Madikeri, Nov. 9- An Ex-Serviceman, who had gone missing after leaving behind a death note, has been found dead.

The deceased has been identified as Sandesh (38), a resident of Ukkuda in the town.

As Sandesh's slippers, watch and mobile phone were found on the Ukkuda Lake bund, Police and Fire & Emergency Services personnel had launched a search operation in the Lake from 9.30 am till late evening on Wednesday, but were unable to locate or trace the body.

Later, expert divers Ramakrishna of Kushalnagar, Fire Brigade's Muthappa and Lathif of Garagamduru arrived at Madikeri and conducted a search in the Lake till late evening but in vain.

As the Lake was 25 to 30 ft. deep, expert diver from Mangaluru Eshwar Malpe was summoned, who arrived along with his team and dived deep into the Lake with the help of scuba gear, torch and oxygen cylinder and managed to fish out the body of Sandesh at about 8.45 pm. The body was shifted to the District Hospital for post-mortem.

Sandesh

Meanwhile, the public urged the Police to conduct investigation based on the death note.

The death note, which is in Police custody, states that one Jeevitha was responsible for his (Sandesh) death. The death note further stated that the woman (Jeevitha), along her mother and younger sister, had honey-trapped him and were blackmailing him besides stating that a few people known to Jeevitha had tortured him.

Sandesh, who went for his morning walk on Tuesday morning, had sent a message to his sister stating that his mobile phone and slippers would be found near the Lake.

The Police, who conducted a search based on Sandesh's mobile phone location, found his mobile phone and slippers near the Lake. Clues pertaining to Sandesh getting into the Lake, was also found.

Meanwhile, Kodagu Superintendent of Police (SP) K. Ramarajan said that Sandesh's wife has lodged a complaint at Madikeri Town Police Station stating that her husband was honey-trapped and he was being blackmailed for money.

The SP further stated that there are a few names mentioned in the death note and added that an FIR has been registered and investigation in various angles has been taken up simultaneously.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (KS)- In separate cases, Mysuru Railway Police and Krishnaraja (KR) Police have found bodies of unidentified persons in their respective jurisdictions and have registered cases.

In the first case, a body of an unidentified man, aged between 55 and 60 years, who was run over by a moving train, was found between Maddur and Hanakere Railway Stations. The Railway Police have shifted the body to Mandya District Hospital mortuary.

The deceased is 5.5 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, oval faced, normal built and was wearing a sky blue coloured half arm shirt, blue and red checks dhoti and a grey and red coloured jerkin.

In the second case, the Railway Police found a body of an unidentified man, who was caught under the moving train near Maddur Railway Station and have shifted the body to Mandya District Hospital mortuary.

The deceased is aged about 40 years, 5.8 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, well-built, has the initials 'JS' tattooed on his right arm and was wearing a blue and purple striped full arm shirt and navy blue pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased persons, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

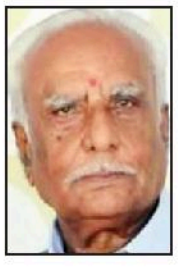
In the third case, KR Police, on Nov. 4, found an unidentified man lying sick near Jodi Arali Mara at Hosabandikeri in K.R. Mohalla and shifted him to K.R. Hospital where he breathed his last on Nov. 5 at about 10.40 am.

The deceased is aged about 40 years, 5.5 ft. tall, normal built, oval faced, oily red complexioned, has the name 'Vishnu' tattooed on his left hand and was wearing a white, blue and black coloured checks full arm shirt and light blue coloured jeans pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact KR Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418319/ 519 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

T. Gavirangappa



Mysuru, Nov. 9- T. Gavirangappa (80), retired senior driver at Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) and a resident of Hebbal near Sankranti Circle, passed away following a heart attack in Bengaluru yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Hebbal Burial Grounds here yesterday evening.

Police Constable allegedly murders wife

She had delivered a baby boy 11 days back

Chamarajanagar, Nov. 9- A Police Constable allegedly murdered his wife at her parents' house in Kolathur village of Hosakote taluk in Bengaluru Rural district.

The woman had delivered a baby boy just 11 days back and was in her parents' house for post-delivery care.

While the deceased has been identified as Pratibha, the accused is Kishore, who is serving as a Police Constable at Chamarajanagar.

Kishore had married Pratibha a year ago and had doubts on her, which is said to be the reason for the murder.

Frequent fights began within a year of their marriage and the family members had advised them to lead a normal life many times.

Pratibha, who had delivered a baby boy, had come to her parents' house and Kishore, in the guise of seeing the baby, had come to the house.

Finding Pratibha alone, Kishore allegedly suffocated her to death and tried to make it look like a suicide by tying a saree to the fan. But Pratibha's parents came to the house suddenly, which shocked Kishore, who fled from the house.

Pratibha *Kishore*

It is learnt that Kishore, after murdering his wife, went to Kolar where he tried to commit suicide by consuming poison. Kishore is now undergoing treatment at an ICU in a private hospital at Kolar.

Hosakote Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

CII session on GST tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 9- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, has organised an insightful and exclusive session on the "Latest Trends and Amendments in GST" on Friday (Nov. 10) from 2 pm to 6 pm at Hotel Regenta Central Herald in city.

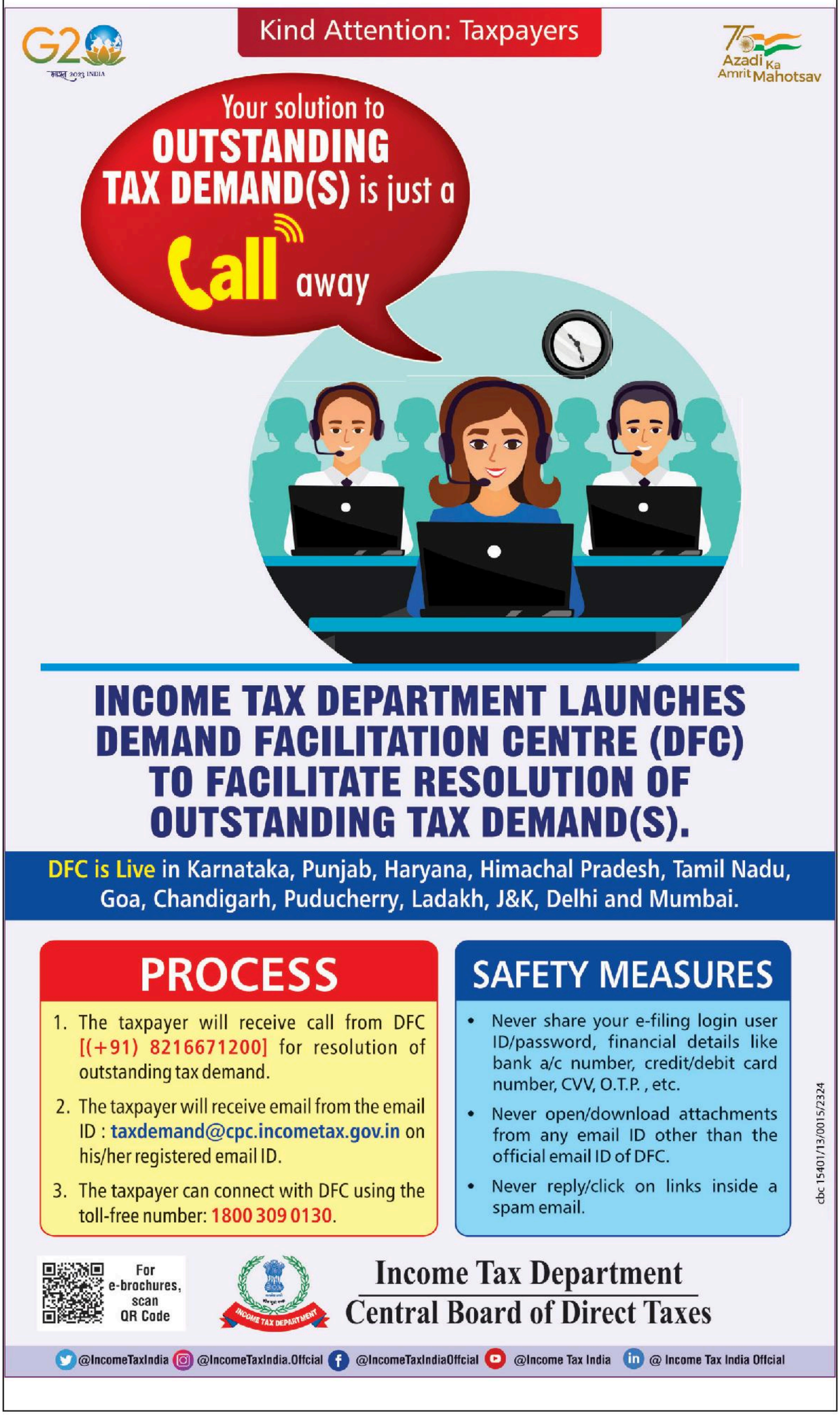
This session is a must-attend for industry professionals, finance experts and tax enthusiasts, providing valuable insights into crucial topics. It will offer a comprehensive exploration of recent developments in international tax and their implications for Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) obligations, clarification of taxability and valuation of guarantees, changes in GST rates and the introduction of new regulations governing ocean freight and export remittances. Additionally, it delves into the exemption from import authorisation for IT hardware, as well as the latest All Industry Rates (AIR), casting light on the dynamic landscape of international tax regulations, its impacts and also recent Supreme Court ruling on the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) clause in Indian Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) and its enforcement in the realm of Direct Taxes.

Resource Speakers at the session include Prashant Acharya, Partner, Tax & Regulatory Services (Indirect Tax), Ernst & Young LLP; Shashanka R. Buduguntae, Partner, Tax & Regulatory Services (Indirect Tax), Ernst & Young LLP and Showri Rajan, Partner, Tax ACR, Ernst & Young LLP. For details, contact Payel Halder via *payel.halder@cii.in* or call Mob:80735-77093.

Ph.D. awardee

Mysuru, Nov. 9- The Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, has awarded Ph.D degree in Management to **M.C. Roopa** for her thesis titled 'A Study on Fund Mobilisation and its Effective Usage among Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises with Reference to Karnataka State' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R. Sakthivel.

Roopa is the daughter of M.S. Chandrashekar and late K.S. Umadevi of Mysuru.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HC dismisses PILs against VTU VC's appointment

- **Petitions are 'Copy Paste' and lack 'bona fide'; Petitioners haven't approached with clean hands, hearts and objectives.**
- **Court makes critical observation against the petitioners.**

Prof. S. Vidyashankar
VTU Vice-Chancellor

Prof. B. Shivaraj
UoM former Acting VC

Bengaluru, Nov. 9 (Agencies)- Citing 'copy paste petitions' and lack of 'bona fide,' Karnataka High Court (HC) has dismissed two Public Interest Litigations (PILs) challenging the appointment of Prof. S. Vidyashankar as the Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi.

A Division Bench of HC comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Krishna S. Dixit observed that the petitions are 'Copy Paste' petitions couched in verbatim duplicate language and that the petitioners have not approached the Court with clean hands, clean hearts and clean objectives.

The Court further observed that 'There has been an unexplained delay albeit short on the part of petitioners questioning the subject's (Prof. S. Vidyashankar) appoint-ment to a public office. To speak succinctly, VC is the 'Conscience Keeper of the University' vide the judgement of Supreme Court in Marathwada University V/s Seshrao Balwant Rao Chavan case, whilst examining the appointment of such a high functionary, this aspect cannot be lost sight of. After all, Mahatma Gandhi said "Means are as important as the ends."

Prof. Vidyashankar was appointed as VC of VTU on Sept. 24, 2022. The first petition was filed by Prof. B. Shivaraj, a former Acting VC of University of Mysore (UoM), on Oct. 31, 2022 and the second petition was filed by Dr. K. Mahadev on Nov. 21, 2022 and were represented by the same advocate in the Court.

Interestingly, the High Court Bench has also noted that 'Prof. Shivaraj has not disclosed any details related to the multiple petitions filed by him against the disciplinary proceedings initiated against him.'

Golden Throne disassembled at Palace; shifted to strong room

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (MTY&BCT)- With the formal conclusion of the Dasara-2023 festivities, the precious gem-studded Golden Throne *(Simhasana)* at Mysore Palace was disassembled in the Durbar Hall yesterday and subsequently moved to the highly secure Palace strong room in the cellar. In addition to the Golden Throne, the silver *Bhadrasana,* previously housed at Kannadi Thotti, was also disassembled and stored in the strong room.

Leading up to Dasara, the 280-kg Golden Throne was assembled on Oct. 9. To facilitate the disassembly of the Throne, the Palace remained closed to tourists and visitors from 8 am to 2 pm yesterday.

Following a traditional puja ceremony, the Golden Throne was disassembled into eight parts, which were then transported to the strong room by a team of Palace employees under the watchful eye of armed Police.

The *Bhadrasana,* with six detachable parts, also underwent this process. The pujas were conducted between 10:35 am and 10:45 am during the auspicious *Dhanur Lagna* in the *Ashwayaja Masa, Krishna Paksha Dashami,* which was observed yesterday.

It's worth noting that the disassembly occurred without any members of Wadiyar family present. CCTV cameras within the Hall and Kannadi Thotti, as well as along the route to the strong room, were covered with cloth to ensure privacy and security.

Former Himalayan Car Rally champion passes away in city

D.R. Shivram along with his friend Dr. Rajesh Kadakia had driven from Mysuru to Singapore on Jan. 19, 2019

The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi presenting Himalayan Car Rally Award to rallyists D.R. Shivram, Dr. Rajesh Kadakia and Feroz Asgar Ali, which they won in 1980.

Mysuru, Nov. 9 - D.R. Shivram (71), a former Himalayan Car rallyist and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away yesterday in city.

A rally enthusiast, he had won the 1st Himalayan Car Rally, the 1st K-1000 Rally in 1980 and the Charminar Challenge.

Shivram along with Dr. Rajesh Kadakia of Hyderabad and Feroz Asgar Ali of Mysuru stood first in the Indian category of cars and overall seventh, competing with the finest car models in the Himalayan Car Rally then.

Star of Mysore had published an article titled 'Former Himalayan Car Rally champions to drive from Mysuru to Singapore' on Jan. 19, 2019.

D.R. Shivram

Shivram leaves behind his wife Madhu, daughter Pallavi, son Pavan, brothers, sisters am a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held tomorrow (Nov. 10) at 11.30 am at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam, according to family sources.

Single trip Diwali special train between Mysuru - Mangaluru

Mysuru, Nov. 9- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has decided to run single trip Diwali special train between Mysuru - Mangaluru and back as detailed below:

Train No.07303 Mysuru to Mangaluru will depart Mysuru on Nov.10 at 20:30 hrs and reach Mangaluru on Nov.11 at 09:40 hrs. Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Mandya, Kengeri, KSR Bengaluru, Yeshwantpur, Chikbanavara, Nelamangala, Kunigal, Shravanabelagola, Channarayapatana, Hassan, Sakleshpur, Subramanya Road, Kabakaputtur, Bantwal and Mangalore Jn.

Train No.07304 Mangaluru to Mysuru will depart Mangaluru on Nov.11 at 11:40 hrs and reach Mysuru on Nov. 12 at 00:50 hrs. Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Bantwal, Kabakaputtur, Subramanya Road, Sakleshpur, Hassan, Channarayapatna, Shravanabelagola, Kunigal, Nelamangala, Chikbanavara, Yeshwantpur, KSR Benagaluru, Kengeri and Mandya.

The train will have a composition of 1 First AC Coach, 2 Second AC coach, 7 Three AC Coach, 8 Second Sleeper and 2 Second seating coaches.

Travellers are urged to utilise the services of these special trains for a comfortable journey, according to a press release from K. Lohiteshwara, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and Sr.PRO.

Archives Department has a repository of countless records from 1866 to 2019

1.20 crore digitised records and documents now available on *www.kannadasiri.kar.nic.in*

Mysuru, Nov. 9- Senior Assistant Director of Archives, H.L. Manjunath, emphasised the crucial role of historical documents in the cultural, historical, social, and economic development of the country.

He noted that without access to records, no plans or projects can be effectively developed.

Manjunath made these remarks during the inauguration of a lecture series on 'Introduction to Archives,' which was jointly organised by the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education and the Karnataka State Archives Department at Byrapura Women's First Grade College.

He stressed the importance of historical documents for scientific studies and the exploration of history, emphasising the need for their preservation. The State Archives Department was established in 1973 with this specific purpose in mind.

Manjunath further explained that historical documents come in various forms, including files and archives, which encompass proceedings, orders, annual reports, speeches, maps, letters, photographs, newspapers, and audio recordings, among others.

He mentioned that the Karnataka Government introduced an Act in 2013 aimed at safeguarding public documents and records. This Act enables the classification of files and records, as well as notifications for the destruction of unnecessary files.

Manjunath highlighted that the Archives Department has preserved countless records dating from 1866 to 2019, containing valuable information on State Unification, the freedom movement, freedom fighters, and activists in the form of reports and audio tapes.

The Archives Department has established four Regional Offices in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, and Dharwad. The Mysuru Office, established in 1984, houses over 15,000 files related to the erstwhile Mysore royal family, some of which are more than 160 years old.

These records are being digitised in a phased manner and preserved using tissue lamination. Currently, the Department has digitised approximately 1.20 crore records and documents, which are available on the Department's website *www.kannadasiri.kar.nic.in*.

The event was attended by College Manager Lalitha Kumari, History Department Head Dr. B.P. Indira, Kannada Department Head Dr. D. Purushotham and others.

Question those who distorted history, says Malavika Avinash

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (PM&BS)- Thinker and actor Malavika Avinash stated that everyone must cultivate a sense of conscience regarding the understanding of 'Karnataka and Kannada' and question those who have manipulated history, ignoring facts and portraying 'villains' as 'heroes,' thus misleading people.

She made these remarks during the valedictory session of 'Kannada Habba-2023,' organised by the Rashtra Bharati Charitable Trust at Kalamandira recently. Malavika posed the question, "Does anyone know about Mummadi Govinda? Most people would not have heard this name because historians have intentionally neglected it while emphasising figures like Delhi Sultan, Alauddin Khilji, Muhammad Bin Tughluq, and several others."

She pointed out that Ballala-III, the last Hoysala king, valiantly resisted Khilji and Tughluq and also fought against the Madurai Sultanate in Tamil Nadu. However, he hasn't received the recognition he deserves in history. She criticised the historical accounts, suggesting that they were often written to favour those in power. Even acclaimed Jnanpith award-winning litterateurs have written plays like 'Tuglaq' but have failed to mention Ballala-III, which is a regrettable oversight.

Malavika highlighted the historical usage of the word 'Karnata,' which dates back to the reign of Kadamba King Mayura Varma. It's also mentioned in the Mahabharata and in the lyrics of a song, 'Dharani Mandala Madhyadolage,' shedding light on its historical significance.

Without explicitly naming CM Siddharamaiah, Malavika alluded to an incident during his first term as CM when an attempt was made to change the name of a road named after Alur Venkata Rao, who played a pivotal role in the 'Unification of Karnataka' movement in Bengaluru.

The event also saw the release of a book titled 'Karnataka Vaibhava' by various dignitaries, including actor Vasishta Simha, Mayor Shivakumar, journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar and Harish Shenoy.

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3.	07339	SSS Hubballi - KSR Bengaluru	Daily	01.11.2023 to 31.12.2023
4.	07340	KSR Bengaluru - SSS Hubballi	Daily	02.11.2023 to 01.01.2024
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6.	06288	Bhubaneswar New - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Sat	11.11.2023
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10.	06586	Belagavi - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Tue	14.11.2023
11.	06217	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru - Bhagat Ki Kothi	Thu	09.11.2023, 16.11.2023 & 23.11.2023
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14.	06220	Bhagat Ki Kothi - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Tue	14.11.2023, 21.11.2023 & 28.11.2023
15.	07303	Mysuru - Mangaluru Jn.	Fri	10.11.2023
16.	07304	Mangaluru Jn.- Mysuru	Tue	14.11.2023
17.	06505	SSS Hubballi - Bidar	Fri	10.11.2023
18.	06506	Bidar - Yesvantpur	Tue	14.11.2023
19.	07353	KSR Bengaluru - SSS Hubballi	Sat & Wed	11.11.2023 & 15.11.2023
20.	07354	SSS Hubballi - KSR Bengaluru	Sat & Wed	11.11.2023 & 15.11.2023
21.	05215	Barauni - Yesvantpur	Sat	07.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
22.	05216	Yesvantpur - Barauni	Tue	10.11.2023 to 12.12.2023
23.	08543	Visakhapatnam - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Sun	05.11.2023 to 26.11.2023
24.	08544	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru - Visakhapatnam	Mon	06.11.2023 to 27.11.2023
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26.	05272	Yesvantpur - Muzaffarpur	Mon	09.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
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29.	04813	Bhagat Ki Kothi - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Sat & Mon	11.11.2023 to 04.12.2023
30.	04814	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru - Bhagat Ki Kothi	Mon & Wed	13.11.2023 to 06.12.2023
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32.	03246	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru - Danapur	Fri	10.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
33.	03251	Danapur - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Sun & Mon	07.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
34.	03252	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru - Danapur	Tue & Wed	07.11.2023 to 12.12.2023
35.	03259	Danapur - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Tue	07.11.2023 to 05.12.2023
36.	03260	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru - Danapur	Thu	09.11.2023 to 07.12.2023
37.	03247	Danapur - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Thu	09.11.2023 to 07.12.2023
38.	03248	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru - Danapur	Sat	11.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
39.	03241	Danapur - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Fri	10.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
40.	03242	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru - Danapur	Sun	05.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
41.	07265	Narasapur - Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru	Tue	07.11.2023 to 24.11.2023
42.	07266	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru - Narasapur	Thu	09.11.2023 to 25.11.2023

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KSCA Mysuru Zone first Women's Cricket League matches begin

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (MTY&BCT)- The Women's Cricket League, hosted by the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), Mysuru Zone, kicked off at the SJCE campus in the city this morning. This marks the first time that KSCA Mysuru Zone is organising such a tournament to nurture local talent.

Previously, a Women's Pro Cricket League (WPCL), a T20 Tournament, was held in Mysuru in June 2017 at Manasagangothri and SJCE Grounds. However, it's the first instance of KSCA Mysuru Zone organising a Women's Cricket League with support from KSCA Bengaluru.

According to R.K. Harikrishna Kumar, Convenor of KSCA Mysuru Zone, five teams will participate in the matches, featuring a total of 72 players. These teams have been named Cauvery, Godavari, Narmada, Ganga and Yamuna.

The inaugural match today featured Cauvery and Godavari teams. Godavari won the toss and opted to bat first.

The matches consist of 30 overs per side and the top two teams in the League Stage will qualify for the finals.

Notably, there are over seven State players representing various age categories, including Shubha Sathish, P. Saloni, K. Rakshitha, V. Veda Varshini, T. Nireeksha, J. Jyotsna, and Liyanka Shetty. Additionally, six players are already playing for the University of Mysore Women's Cricket team.

Harikrishna mentioned, "In Karnataka, these Women's League matches are held only in Bengaluru and it's a proud moment that the Mysuru Zone KSCA is organising them locally. The main goal is to promote women's cricket in Mysuru, recognising and fostering the abundant talent in the region."

R.K. Harikrishna Kumar, Convenor of KSCA, Mysuru Zone, inaugurating the Women's Cricket League at SJCE campus in the city this morning as KSCA officials, past office-bearers and Club Presidents and Secretaries of Mysuru Zone look on.

In the future, local cricket Clubs in Mysuru will play a role in identifying women players and including them in the Zonal teams. Plans are also underway to appoint an exclusive women's coach and fitness trainers who can provide guidance on diet and physical fitness to women players.

Harikrishna emphasised that women's teams are gaining more opportunities, with the potential for a cricket career after completing their studies.

The financial rewards are also becoming more attractive, aligning with Men's Cricket Leagues. With the Mysuru Zone opening its doors for Women's Leagues, players can now enrol in local Clubs and practice locally, eliminating the need to travel to Bengaluru for training and development.

KSCA Mysuru Zone Chairman Balachandar, Past Convener Sudhakar Rai, Tournament Committee Chairman Manjunath, SJCE Physical Director C. Revanna and Club Presidents and Secretaries of Mysuru Zone were present at the event.

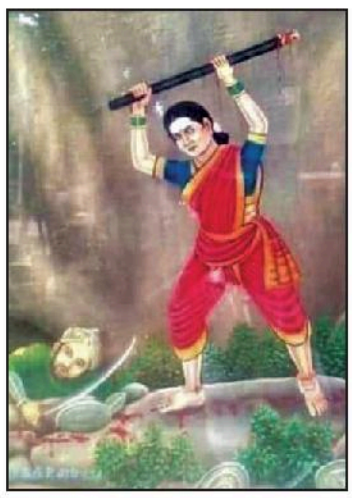
Today's match was between Godavari and Cauvery teams. Godavari, which batted first, managed to score 173 runs in 25.3 overs. Saloni was the top scorer for the team with 105 runs, while Priyanka contributed 25 runs to the team's total.

Onake Obavva Jayanti on Nov. 11

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (BS)- The District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department have organised District-level Onake Obavva Jayanti 2023-24 at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira on Nov. 11 at 11 am.

The event will be inaugurated by Social Welfare and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa in the presence of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture K. Venkatesh will be the guest of honour. Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will preside, according to a press release from Assistant Director of Kannada & Culture Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

Mayor Shivakumar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh will be the chief guests.



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Assistant Professor Dr. T. Ramesh will be the main speaker.

Fancy Dress Contest

As part of Onake Obavva Jayanti, a fancy dress competition has been organised for school and college students aged below 18 years.

The competition will be organised in two age categories — below 12 years and 13-18 years.

Interested students should register their names before 9 am of the competition day (Nov. 11) and must be present at Mini Theatre by 10 am on that day. Every participating students will be given a certificate.

For details, contact the Assistant Director, Kannada & Culture Department, on Ph: 0821-2513225.

Former CM Sadananda Gowda quits 'electoral politics'

Hassan, Nov. 9 (BS)- In a surprise development, former Chief Minister and sitting BJP MP from Bengaluru North D.V. Sadananda Gowda announced to quit electoral politics yesterday.

Speaking to media persons after inspecting drought-affected areas in the district as part of his party's State-wide tour to study drought situation, Gowda said: "I have enjoyed maximum power with the blessings of the party and won't ask for more. I have decided to quit electoral politics."

"In my 30 years of political life, the party has given me all. I have served as a MLA for 10 years, MP for 20 years, one year as CM, four years as State Party President and seven years as Union Minister in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Cabinet. If I ask for more, people will call me selfish," said Gowda.

Sadananda Gowda

It may be mentioned that Sadananda Gowda was miffed over the recent developments within the party, as his chance of getting the ticket to seek re-election in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections was bleak. When Modi revamped his Cabinet in 2021, he (Gowda) had quit as a Minister on the instructions of Modi.

MUDA duped by three MUDA employees !

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In response to the filing of this case, three MUDA employees, believed to be associated with the accused, have reportedly gone into hiding. The five accused individuals are: Mohankumar of M.L. Hundi, Gaali Ananda Reddy of Shyadanahalli, R. Yogesh Prasad of Hebbal, U.R. Girish of Nazarbad and C.S. Venugopal of Mahalakshmi Layout in Bengaluru.

Mohankumar of M.L. Hundi in T. Narasipur taluk is accused of submitting a fake bank challan for Rs. 8,050 for Khata transfer of Site No. 1870, formed by the Police Housing Co-operative Society in Lalithadripura. Similarly, Gaali Ananda Reddy of Shyadanahalli submitted a fake bank challan for Rs. 8,270 for the Khata transfer of Site No. 310 in Shyadanahalli.

R. Yogesh of Hebbal is accused of presenting a fake bank challan for Rs. 8,800 and U.R. Girish of Nazarbad is implicated for a fake bank challan of Rs.16,899 and C.D. Venugopal of Bengaluru for a counterfeit bank challan of Rs. 40,950 concerning Khata transfer of Site No. 29 in Madagalli, Mysuru taluk.

These individuals submitted Bank of Baroda challans along with photocopies of other necessary documents to MUDA to initiate Khata transfers. Based on these submitted challans, MUDA granted Khata transfers. However, during an inspection of the MUDA Accounts section, it was discovered that the challan amounts had not been credited to the MUDA bank account and that the challans bore fake bank seals.

Police complaint lodged

Following these revelations and under the directives of MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar and Secretary G.D. Shekar, MUDA Special Tahsildar R. Shivakumar, has lodged a formal complaint with the Lakshmipuram Police.

The complaint also notes that such fraudulent cases may have occurred at the Office of MUDA Zone-6 Special Tahsildar H.P. Raviprasad and action is urged against the culprits there as well.

These scams have raised suspicions regarding the involvement of case workers, Zonal Officers, Special Tahsildars and Office Superintendents in the fraud, particularly given that such fraudulent practices may have persisted for years, resulting in substantial financial losses for MUDA. This suspicion is bolstered by concerns about dubious bank credits discovered during yearly audits in recent years.

Officers go into hiding

As the scam came to light, three MUDA employees quickly went into hiding, switching off their cell phones. This has been documented in the complaint filed by Special Tahsildar Shivakumar. Now, it is the responsibility of the Police to act on the complaint and identify those responsible for this scam, including those behind the creation of fake bank challans and cash-paid seals.

MUDA officials suspect that a network involved in producing counterfeit seals and signatures may be behind these fraudulent activities. Despite the presence of CCTV cameras throughout MUDA to ensure transparency in operations, officials are puzzled as to how middlemen and agents could exert influence on case workers and their superiors in matters related to land allotment, alternative sites, plan approval, issuance of Title Deeds, Khata Transfer and registration, among other things.

While the fake challan scam has been exposed, there are speculations that similar fraudulent activities may have occurred in other sections of MUDA, including e-Khata, TPM, site allotment, engineering, land acquisition and accounts, among others.

Special team formed to scrutinise money credits

Following the revelation of the fake bank challan scam, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has promptly established a special team comprising four officials to thoroughly review the records in the MUDA accounts section.

MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar issued a notification regarding this on Wednesday. The team consists of four officials: Town Planner member R. Sesha, Chief Accounts Officer N. Mutta, MUDA Secretary G.D. Shekar and Executive Engineer (South) K.R. Mahesh.

The team has been tasked with submitting a report within a fortnight after conducting a comprehensive examination of all records, including map and plan approvals, the issuance of Completion Reports (CR), occupancy certificates, Khata registration and transfers, issuance of title deeds and more.

Additionally, the team is responsible for verifying all bank challans and payments of stipulated fees/charges made by the public for obtaining certificates and records from January 1, 2023, up to the present.

Taking swift action, the team has already commenced the verification of documents and records related to the credits made by the Bank of Baroda to MUDA's account, starting earnestly since yesterday afternoon. It has been reported that the team will also scrutinise all the Bank challans credited to MUDA's account over the past four to five years.

Pressure not to file Police complaint

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Influential political leaders have been making frequent calls to MUDA Commissioner, Secretaries, Zonal Officers and Special Tahsildars, urging them not to lodge complaints and instead to resolve the matters within their purview.

Similar calls have been directed towards the Lakshmipuram Police Inspector, with requests not to register a formal FIR but merely to provide an acknowledgment of receiving the complaint. The Police have been urged to record statements from those involved and settle the case without pursuing legal action. Furthermore, these influential leaders have also reached out to senior Police officers to exert pressure against filing criminal cases.

Faced with mounting pressure and interference, MUDA officials took the step of turning off their cell phones and lodged a formal complaint at Lakshmipuram Police Station. As a result, the Police have registered an FIR against the individuals named in the complaint.

Deepavali cracker bursting from 8 pm to 10 pm only

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Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra issued this directive in line with the guidelines provided by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), which align with the Supreme Court's directive. The directive aims to ensure that air quality remains within an acceptable range.

The order emphasises the prohibition of firecrackers that generate more than 125 dB (A) at a distance of 4 metres from the place where the cracker is burst, in accordance with noise pollution rules (amendment) 2016.

It also references a Supreme Court ruling from October 2018, which banned non-green firecrackers throughout the country and specified the permitted timings (8 pm to 10 pm) for bursting crackers. Furthermore, it prohibits the use of firecrackers in silence zones, including within a 100-metre radius of hospitals, educational institutions, courts, and religious places. Violators will face legal consequences as per existing laws.

Green crackers are those that adhere to the guidelines issued by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Environmental and Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) and are labelled as 'Green Cracker' with a QR code. Crackers lacking this label will be confiscated, as stated in the Deputy Commissioner's order.

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Despite high prices, people are flocking to traditional oil makers for freshly crushed oil for cooking & other purposes.

By Bapu Lingaraj Urs

Mysuru, Nov. 9- With chemically rich edible oil gradually taking a toll on health in recent years adding to the rise in non-communicable diseases like diabetes, hypertension and joint pain among other ailments, people are back to roots, looking for cold-pressed oil in 'eththina gaana' (oil extraction with oxen) though it feels heavy on the wallet.

Edible oils of several brands are available in the market, but not all are free from chemicals. Though adulterated oil is available for a lesser price, people still prefer to buy with no alternatives to evade inflation. However, with several awareness programmes involving doctors against consuming chemically rich and adulterated oil, cold-pressed oil is back in demand.

Cold-pressed oil is nothing new as it was a traditional occupation pre-dating bygone years when our ancestors were largely dependent on freshly crushed oil from the seeds producing edible oil, coconut oil, castor oil, Huchchellenne (Niger seed) and sunflower oil to name a few. It was a regular practice among women in most households to carry groundnut, sunflower, copra and Niger seed and other seeds to these cold-pressed oil-making units.

A pair of oxen pulled the wheel in a circular manner, crushing seeds to extract oil in a huge container in the centre that would be later filtered and poured into another container, before handing over the final product to the customer.

Rich in essential fatty acids

The oil was not just known for its purity but also for its rich nutritional value. If it was an edible oil, the food prepared using such oil was rich in taste. The castor oil was widely used to light earthen lamps and also as a hair oil, besides as a therapy to check constipation.

Even now, it is in demand, especially for dense growth of hair strands and to cure headaches. After experimenting with several oil brands irrespective of edible and non-edible oil that comes with distinct aromas that rule the market in this modern era, people are gradually turning towards cold-pressed oil, with health assuming more significance.

As experts would say, these oils are rich in essential fatty acids, antioxidants, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Vitamin C and other healthy fats. These oils are considered healthy for patients suffering from cardiovascular concerns and they even protect the heart by reducing bad cholesterol and blood pressure levels.

Though the machines running on electricity have replaced traditional methods involved in the making of oil, the oil mills at Devamba Agrahara, Shivarampet, Agrahara and several other localities are back in demand, with the people flocking to those mills.

Hub at Devamba Agrahara

S.N.K. Ankana Chettiar and Sunderraj of Devamba Agrahara, who were earlier running the oil mill deploying traditional methods, are now running the mill powered by electricity. As mentioned above, they crush any seeds to produce pure oil.

Chettiar said: "Though it consumes more time to obtain oil in mechanised method, people still wait with patience to carry home the oil considering its freshness and genuineness. We have been involved in this traditional occupation since our ancestor's period. Now, the people are more aware of chemical content in the oil, hence they are turning towards traditional oil makers."

Nagendra, a resident who is a regular buyer of cold-pressed oil, said: "To date, we haven't used any other oil other than cold-pressed one. Be it cooking or hail oil, we prefer cold-pressed oil, though it costs more when compared to regularly sold oil."

'50% reservation for women is a deserved quota'

Social Welfare Department presents 'Pratibha Puraskar' to hostelites

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (MTY&DM)- Highlighting that the population of women in the country is nearly equal to that of men, Dr. Krishnamurthy Chamaram, a faculty member at KSOU, advocated for a 50 percent reservation for women. He expressed this view during his recent address at the inauguration of 'Pratibha Puraskar' Presentation Ceremony and Seminar organised by Social Welfare Department at the Post-Matric Girls' Hostel-2 in Bogadi. Dr. Krishnamurthy Chamaram pointed out that women make up approximately 50 percent of the total Indian population of 140 crore.

He emphasised that women have played a pivotal role in numerous developmental activities and as a result, they are rightfully demanding a 50 percent reservation in both job opportunities and education. This demand is in line with the increasing influence of women across various sectors.

He stressed the importance of following Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Constitution and highlighted that Dr. Ambedkar, as the Labour Minister during the pre-Independence era, was well aware of the challenges faced by the working class.

During his address, Social Welfare Department Joint Director B. Rangegowda encouraged students to study Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts and incorporate them into their lives. He underscored the significance of focusing on their studies and called upon the students to contribute to society in a meaningful way.

Prominent woman activist Premabodhi also shared her insights during the event.

Additionally, students from the hostel, who had scored high marks in public exams, were honoured.

The event was attended by Social Welfare Department Assistant Director K. Siddalinga, Hostel Warden M. Chandramma, Singer Mariswamy, Rashmi Naripura, Nischitha and others.

'Anna Bhagya' & 'Gruha Lakshmi' Schemes

Beneficiaries to get cash within 20th of every month

Bengaluru, Nov. 9- Taking note of the delay in payment of cash through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) for beneficiaries of the Government's ambitious 'Anna Bhagya' and 'Gruha Lakshmi' Schemes, the Government, as a measure to ensure timely implementation of the Schemes, has issued a schedule for ensuring timely payment to beneficiaries, according to which the DBT will take place within the 20th of every month.

Under 'Anna Bhagya,' every person mentioned in the BPL Card, will get 5 kg rice for free and Rs. 170 in cash (in lieu of additional 5 kg rice) every month. Under 'Gruha Lakshmi,' the woman head of every eligible family will get Rs. 2,000 per month as financial assistance.

As a first step in this regard, the officials have been asked to complete the payment process between 10th and 15th of every month. Likewise, the Government has instructed the officials to complete the payment process between 1st and 5th of every month for payment of social security pensions.

Thus far, as many as 1.2 crore beneficiaries have registered for 'Gruha Lakshmi' Scheme. Out of this, about 10 lakh beneficiaries have not received the financial assistance (Rs. 2,000) from August to October 31, while 36 lakh beneficiaries have not received payment since September.

The Government has attributed the delay due to technical glitches in the payment process. Now, the Government has taken measures to ensure that the money is credited to the accounts of beneficiaries through DBT and thus ensure that the delay does not occur in future. Along with this, the Government has also planned to mitigate the pressure on the Treasury during month ends. This apart, the Govt. has directed the money drawing and disbursing officials to complete the process in accordance with the time-frame and submit the bills to the Treasury.

No end in sight for completion of Ambedkar Bhavan works

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (SBD&BS)- Even as the Congress Government in the State made reading of Preamble of Indian Constitution mandatory in schools and colleges within a few months of assuming office, the inexplicable delay in completion of works of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan on two-acre land on Dewan's Road in the heart of the city continues, with no hint of reaching its end at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the surrounding explain the sorry state of affairs, with the footpath abutting the compound wall of the under construction Bhavan at the intersection of Dewan's Road and Bidaram Krishnappa Road turning into a dump yard.

Though the Pourakarmikas clear waste in time, the waste can be seen littered next moment. The passage between the compound wall and Devaraja Traffic Police Station on Krishna Vilas Road side is also no exception, when it comes to disposing of the refuse in an indiscriminate manner.

Though the building is coming up on the busy road, it is no reason to deter people from peeing in public on the compound, thus emanating a tepid smell.

It was 11 years ago in the year 2012 that the works began here. Since then three Governments were formed, several Ministers inspected the works and also vouched to complete them at the earliest, but all remains on paper. Even the second phase of works is being carried out on a snail's pace, with 75 percent of the works complete.

When the project was conceived it was estimated to cost Rs. 14.66 crore, which was revised further to Rs. 20.66 crore. Though Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Social Welfare Department and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) released their share of funds in time, the slow pace of works proved a hurdle in its completion. Now, with 75 percent of the works completed even after a decade-long works in the second phase, the pending works need additional Rs. 22 crore, thus escalating the project cost further.

Ironically, though three months have elapsed since Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who is also the District Minister and native of Mysuru, inspected the ongoing works in the month of August, there are no visible changes yet.

The Minister, along with a posse of Officers, like Principal Secretary of Social Welfare Department S. Selvakumar, Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Commissioner of MUDA G.T. Dinesh Kumar, Commissioner of MCC Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff and Deputy Secretary of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat Dr. M. Krishnaraju, had inspected the works and directed them to expedite the works.

Besides, it had been decided to sanction additional grants of Rs. 10 crore from Social Welfare Department, Rs. 9.5 crore from MUDA and Rs. 2.5 crore from MCC.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of Indian Constitution, was offered a meaningful tribute during the recently concluded Mysore Dasara.

The Preamble of the Constitution composed in the form of a song was also played during the inauguration of Navaratri festivities and cultural programmes. The illuminated portraits of Dr. Ambedkar and also a copy of the Preamble were also erected at prominent circles of the city.

But the one of its kind Ambedkar Bhavan in the heart of the city still suffers from official apathy, with no sign of completing the works and keeping the facility open meeting its real purpose.

Libraries are centres of awareness: ZP CEO

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (DM)- Asserting that Libraries are often called as centres of awareness, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K.M. Gayathri said that measures have been taken for digitalisation of Gram Panchayat (GP) Libraries.

She was speaking after distributing digital equipments to 22 GP Libraries in the district at a programme jointly organised by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department and Shikshana Samsthe under 'Rural Digi Development Programme' at ZP Hall here on Monday.

Pointing out that 64 GP Libraries in the district have already been distributed digital equipment in 3 phases, Gayathri said, now 22 GP Libraries, including 5 in Nanjangud taluk, 6 in T. Narasipur, 5 in Mysuru taluk and 3 each in Periyapatna and Saragur taluks, have been distributed digital equipment in the 4th phase. Reiterating that Libraries are centres of knowledge and awareness, the ZP CEO highlighted the purpose of digitalisation. The infrastructure in GP Libraries will be improved with support from NGOs, she added.

Shikshana Samsthe District Manager Prasannakumar, in his address, said that measures have been taken for making Annur GP Library in H.D. Kote taluk, a complete Digital Literacy Centre.

Noting that a door-to-door survey is being conducted for complete Digital Literacy, he said that those households which are found to have less literacy will be visited and the occupants will be trained. This will be extended to all the 236 GPs in the district if the exercise is found successful, Prasannakumar added.

ZP Assistant Secretary V.P. Kuldeep, PDOs, Librarians and others were present.

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MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	3.45 am	6.15 am	Daily
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	5.00 am	7.50 am	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	5.20 am	8.00 am	Monday
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	5.40 am	8.40 am	Daily
06256	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	6.10 am	9.15 am	Daily Passenger
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.45 am	9.35 am	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	7.30 am	9.55 am	Tue & Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	8.20 am	10.50 am	Daily
07345	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	9.05 am	12.50 pm	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.00 am	12.10 pm	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30 am	12.55 pm	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30 am	1.35 pm	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50 pm	4.35 pm	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	1.05 pm	2.50 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	1.25 pm	4.30 pm	Daily
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	1.45 pm	4.55 pm	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	2.15 pm	4.15 pm	Daily Except Wed
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	2.50 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	3.15 pm	5.40 pm	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	3.30 pm	6.30 pm	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	4.15 pm	6.45 pm	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	4.55 pm	8.20 pm	Daily
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	6.20 pm	8.55 pm	Daily
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	6.50 pm	9.40 pm	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	7.10 pm	10.10 pm	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	7.30 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	7.50 pm	11.05 pm	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	8.15 pm	10.50 pm	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	9.00 pm	11.45 pm	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	9.50 pm	12.45 am	Daily
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	10.25 pm	1.15 am	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	11.00 pm	1.30 am	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	11.45 pm	2.00 am	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	12.15 am	4.30 am	Daily
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	12.58 am	3.25 am	Sunday
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	12.50 am	3.20 am	Thursday
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	2.05 am	5.15 am	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	4.00 am	6.40 am	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	4.45 am	7.20 am	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	5.05 am	8.20 am	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	5.25 am	7.45 am	Friday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	5.45 am	8.00 am	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	6.00 am	8.50 am	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	6.35 am	9.30 am	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	7.15 am	10.20 am	Daily
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	8.00 am	10.45 am	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	8.20 am	11.45 am	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	8.35 am	11.15 am	Daily
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	9.40 am	1.30 pm	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.15 am	12.20 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.45 am	1.00 pm	Except Wed
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	1.15 pm	4.00 pm	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	1.30 pm	4.40 pm	Wed [Humsafar Exp]
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	1.50 pm	4.20 pm	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	3.15 pm	5.45 pm	Daily
07346	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	3.35 pm	6.35 pm	Daily Passenger
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	4.50 pm	7.40 pm	Daily Passenger
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	5.15 pm	8.00 pm	Thursday
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	5.45 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	6.15 pm	9.05 pm	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	6.35 pm	10.00 pm	Mon & Sat
06255	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	7.00 pm	10.15 pm	Daily
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	8.50 pm	10.50 pm	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	9.00 pm	11.20 pm	Daily Except Friday
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	11.15 pm	1.35 am	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	11.50 pm	2.15 am	Tue & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEWDELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	6.00 am	1.15 pm	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	6.15 am	5.35 am (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)
06268 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	6.30 am	10.25 am	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	7.15 am	10.10 am (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15 am	4.25 pm	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	2.00 pm	11.30 pm	Daily
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	5.45 pm	9.50 pm	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	7.30 pm (Fri)	6.45 pm (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	8.45 pm	5.55 am	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	11.40 pm	12.55 am	Daily
17302	Dharwad	Mysuru	8.25 pm	5.55 am	Daily
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.00 pm	9.25 am	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15 am	4.50 pm	Daily
16207 (Exp)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	4.45 pm (Hassan)	8.10 pm	Daily
06267	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.30 pm	9.15 pm	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	9.50 pm (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	6.15 am	3.35 pm	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	2.50 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	5.10 am (Mon)	2.20 am (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	2.10 pm	3.30 am	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
07327	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	5.00 am	6.35 am	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	7.20 am (Mys)	9.10 am	Daily
06233	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	8.20 am	10.10 am	Daily Passenger
06300	Mysuru	Nanjangud	9.15 am	10.05 am	Daily
06276	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	12.00 pm	1.45 pm	Daily
06543	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	3.45 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
07346	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	6.40 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
07345	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	7.15 am	9.00 am	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	3.30 pm	4.45 pm	Daily
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	5.25 pm	7.15 pm	Daily Passenger
06275	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	5.25 pm	7.15 pm	Daily
06544	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	8.45 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
07328	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	11.10 pm	Daily Passenger

REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

Waste management with a purpose by Lions Club of Mysore West

Mysuru, Nov. 9- Lions Club of Mysore West had recently organised the 10th edition of Bargain Hunt, an annual sale to encourage recycling and reuse of items that would otherwise be languishing in people's homes or be discarded in landfills.

The sale has helped the Lion ladies raise funds for the Club's multiple community service projects. For the past few years the money raised from Bargain Hunt has been earmarked for skills training for all age groups. To empower women to supplement family income, a free training at the Queens Fashion Institute was provided alongside sewing machines so they can be self-employed. The Club also sponsors computer courses to help young people improve their chances of getting a job.

The Bargain Hunt sale that lasted for five days provided a platform to give preloved items a fresh lease of life. For five days every year the Melvin Jones Bhawan Hall at Lions Sevaniketan School in Gokulam resembles a shopping arcade with a vast range of merchandise including womenswear, barely used sarees, salwar kurta sets, menswear, kids clothes, toys, games, electronic items, furniture, home accessories, kitchen gadgets and medical diagnostic kits at prices starting as low as Rs. 50. Lion lady Dipika Rao says, "Bargain hunt allows you to save money while you save the planet."

"This is a great initiative to promote sustainable changes. I have been using pre-loved clothes since I was a kid but that was within the family. Glad to find like-minded folks here. I quickly grabbed some books and board games. Selecting was easy as it was segregated well," says Vinutha, who made a quick shopping trip during her lunch hour.

The process of unpacking and sorting out goods that have been donated and conducting the sale itself is a back-breaking job but the Lion ladies found it enormously satisfying. "We love the fact that families find so much pleasure in acquiring items they would otherwise not be able to afford," said Lion lady Nina Ahuja.

Naval veterans condemn death sentence to eight Ex-Indian Navy men

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (MK&DM)- Strongly condemning the Qatar court order awarding death sentence to eight retired Indian Navy personnel, who are accused of spying, Ex-servicemen of the city, under the banner of Naval Veterans Association, Karnataka (Mysuru Revenue Division) and supported by Akhila Karnataka Maaji Sainikara Sangha (AKMSS), staged a silent march in the city on Nov.4.

Maintaining that the Qatar Government has not shared any information about the nature of the offence, they alleged that the Qatar Government has charged Ex-Indian Navy men of spying for Israel.

Expressing solidarity with the charged Ex-Navy personnel who are in a Qatar prison, the protestors called for their immediate release and be brought back to India.

The silent march which commenced from the Sainik Welfare Bhavan, passed through JLB Road before culminating at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle). The protestors held placards which read 'We stand with integrity and solidarity, bring back our Naval veterans.' Veterans from Air Force, Army and civil organisations participated in the march.

Maj. Gen. S.S. Rajan (Retd.), Association President Gajanan Bhat, Secretary R. Rajesh, office-bearers Syed Hydari, Alagaraswamy, Sanjay Prabhu and M.N. Naveen; AKMSS, Kodagu Vice-President Jolly Somanna, AKMSS, Mysuru President P.K. Diwakar, Naval veteran Chandra Kumar and others took part.

These Deepavali lamps turn into compost after use

Eco-friendly diyas to be distributed free on Nov. 11 in front of Chikka Gadiyara near Devaraja Market

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (GA&BS)- As Deepavali festival on Nov. 12 and Nov. 14 approaches, environment-friendly lamps are being prepared to illuminate the spirit of the festival of lights.

Pragathi Pratisthan, a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) led by B.K. Ajay Kumar Jain in Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru, is crafting eco-friendly lamps using cow dung cakes, ghee, milk, cow urine and curd.

Lighting lamps in front of homes during Deepavali is a traditional practice in Indian households to symbolically dispel darkness, representing evil, with the light emitted by burning lamps.

Jain mentioned that they have already prepared 3,000 lamps and are in the process of making an additional 2,000, which will be completed soon. These lamps will be distributed in front of Chikka Gadiyara (small clock tower) near Devaraja Market on Nov. 11.

Jain, who has been leading the effort to create environmentally friendly lamps for the past 10 years since founding Pragathi Pratisthan in 2013, explained that every year, they distribute these lamps to the public for free. In the previous year, the lamps were distributed at K.R. Circle to promote the significance of Deepavali and the lamp.

Six months before Deepavali, volunteers from Pratisthan collect cow dung from native breeds of cows at the second unit of Mysore Pinjrapole Society near Udbur Gate on the Mysuru-H.D. Kote Road. The Pinjrapole authorities also contribute by providing cow dung for free. Ten days before the festival, volunteers from various organisations, including the Scouts and Guides, are trained to make these lamps.

These lamps can be used twice and then they turn into ashes, which can be used as compost for plants. At a time when traditional earthen lamps are being replaced by electric ones, initiatives like Pragathi Pratisthan's help keep the spirit of the festival alive in an indigenous and environmental-friendly way, deserving recognition and appreciation.

Gym facility inaugurated at Sri Krishna Park

Gymnasium equipment, installed at Sri Krishna Park in MCC Ward No. 6 (Gokulam Brindavan Layout), was inaugurated by a young child Diya in the presence of area Corporator S.B.M. Manju recently. Dr. P. Haridas Upadya, Kaushik, Basavaraj, Prabhudev, Sridharan, MCC Zone-4 Assistant Commissioner Chandramma, Engineer Ramanna, Geetha Upadya, Shobha Bhojaraj, Geetha Manjunath, Rekha, Ranjini Mala and others were present on the occasion.

D.Litt conferred on Founder of National Academy School

Shanthi Achapa

Mysuru, Nov. 9- Appaneravanda Shanthi Achapa, Founder and Chairperson of National Academy School (CBSE), Athur near Gonikoppa, Kodagu, has been conferred the Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) degree by the University of Central America for her 'accomplishments in the public life in promoting education for establishing a just and equitable society.'

She has the credit of introducing the first Play School called Little Birds Play School in Kodagu in the year 1988, starting Teeny Weeny Kindergarten section in the year 1997 and National Academy School in 2001.

Shanthi Achapa has created an educational environment that stands as a strong pillar of society. Her helpful nature has led hundreds and thousands of people over the years to approach her with their concerns and also redeem solutions to their concerns and problems.

Promoting women empowerment and empowering children with special needs as a crux to her life agenda, she has nurtured a generation of strong and empowered individuals. Her social activities and charity initiatives have been appreciated by many people over the years.

For the past 40 years, she has contributed her services, both financial and professional, to charity work in Mysuru and Bengaluru. Her caring nature and her strong will to help various sections of society have led her to initiate various social and socio-economic activities to uplift people in need.

Lack of interest among candidates for KPSC exam

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (BLU&DM)- A concerning trend emerged during the recent KPSC (Karnataka Public Service Commission) exam for recruitment of various Group C posts held in city.

It was observed that more than half of the candidates who had initially registered for the exam failed to appear, indicating a notable lack of interest among potential candidates for KPSC exams.

In one instance, a total of 5,332 candidates had registered for the exam, which was conducted at 11 centres across the city for the recruitment of 242 posts of Accounts Assistant and 47 posts of Inspector of Co-operative Societies.

However, only 2,221 candidates actually attended the exam, leaving a significant number of 3,111 candidates absent. This implies that nearly 60 percent of the registered candidates chose not to participate.

Similarly, in another written exam for the recruitment of Group C posts held on the same day at 14 centres throughout the city, the situation was quite similar. Out of 6,461 candidates who had registered for the exam, only 2,580 of them appeared, while 3,881 candidates were notably absent. Again, this resulted in a high rate of abstention, close to 60 percent.

This high rate of absenteeism is somewhat perplexing, particularly considering that there is a general inclination among the unemployed to seek Government jobs over private sector employment.

Possible reasons for this significant absence could be attributed to factors such as candidates being required to appear at centres located in other districts, as well as the coincidence of the KPSC exam dates with other competitive exams, such as banking exams, which may have led to scheduling conflicts and candidates prioritising other opportunities.

Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, Nov. 9- As part of the 536th Sri Bhakta Kanakadasa Jayanti, Santa Sri Kanakadasara Jayantyotsava Samiti, Mysuru, will be presenting Pratibha Purakar to Kuruba community students who have secured above 85 percent marks in the SSLC and PUC examinations 2022-23.

Eligible students may submit their applications, along with marks card and caste certificate, at Sri Mahalakshmi Kollapuradamma Temple, Narayana Shastry Road, Mysuru, before Nov. 25. For details, contact Mob: 98451-16664 or 81979-67641 or 93421-15656, according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Terraform

Pronunciation: TEH-ruh-form.
Meaning: To terraform something (such as a planet or moon) is to transform it so that it is suitable for supporting human life.
Origin: In the world of science fiction, life (uh) finds a way. Such is the goal of terraforming, a concept that has long served as a sci-fi staple. In fact, the word terraform can be traced to the genre's Golden Age: the first known use of terraform was by the science fiction writer Jack Williamson who, writing under the pseudonym Will Stewart, included the word in his 1942 story "Collision Orbit." Terraform applies the Latin noun terra ("land, earth") as a prefix to the English verb form ("to shape or develop"). (Terra is evidenced in many English words, including terrain, terrace, and terra-cotta.) You may ask, "what is the future of terraforming?" Suffice it to say, we have no earthly idea.
Example: "Simulation games now routinely engage with climate change, but usually from a place of wish fulfillment. Surviving Mars lets players use magical future technology to terraform the Red Planet into a new Eden, creating a backup home in case Earth is ravaged beyond redemption." — Mark Hill, Wired, 6 Jan. 2022.

THE ODD WORD

Taffeta
Thin glossy silk.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Take it easy

Meaning: The phrase 'Take it easy' is used to say good-bye and be relaxed.
Origin: The origin of 'Take it easy' depends on the context in which the term is used. If you're going to relax for recreational purposes, you are using the original meaning of the idiom dating back to 1867. If someone is leaving and you're hoping they have a nice time, you are using a later version of the idiom. If you're telling someone to 'Take it easy' as in "relax, you don't need to cause a stir," you're using an even later version.
Example: Mary: "Bye-bye." Bill: "See you, Mary. Take it easy."

QUOTE BOX

Life itself is simple...it's just not easy.— **Steve Maraboli**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: The grass is greener on the other side.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 E in the NATO alphabet
5 Aswan for one, Bhakra for another?
8 Burn to ground; destroy or demolish completely
12 In a warlike manner
14 At all times
15 Hired vehicles? (4-4)
16 Foreign Exchange Management Act - acronym?
17 Alcoholic liquor
18 Trouble or woe - "stir us" anagram ?
20 Centre-circumference lines
23 Slope
24 Revolve rapidly
25 Follow-ups of stories or novels
28 A golfer drives off from one
29 Raise shoulders
30 Center starter
32 Lofty in thought
34 Green parrots from New Zealand
35 Accelerates sharply the speed of an engine
36 Circumference
37 Give assent
40 An affirmative answer
41 A bull, for example, is this type of animal
42 Discoverer of X-rays
47 Egyptian canal
48 Science of improving population by control of inherited qualities
49 Fruit of blackthorn
50 Delve
51 Malarial fever

DOWN
1 Newt
2 OSS replacer
3 Jinx or curse
4 Genesis or lineage
5 College official
6 Long-sleeved vestment worn by a priest
7 Enigmatic aura
8 Prove to be false
9 Declare or assert
10 Half (prefix)
11 Noted times
13 202 in Roman numerals
19 Garden pest
20 Queue after Q
21 Our forefathers?
22 God (French)
23 Conditions or school periods?
25 Trembled with cold or fear
26 Sly look
27 Gaiter-like item of footwear
29 A small vehicle for driving on snow
31 Suffix denoting "somewhat"
33 Light wind
34 Former name for River Krishna
36 Hereditary unit
37 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
38 Membrane enclosing foetus
39 Nile queen for short - "Cole" anagram
40 Burglar
43 Yes for the Parisian
44 Concert
45 Old French coin
46 Natl. Stock Exchg.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

R	E	C	O	R	D	■	A	S	R	A	N	I
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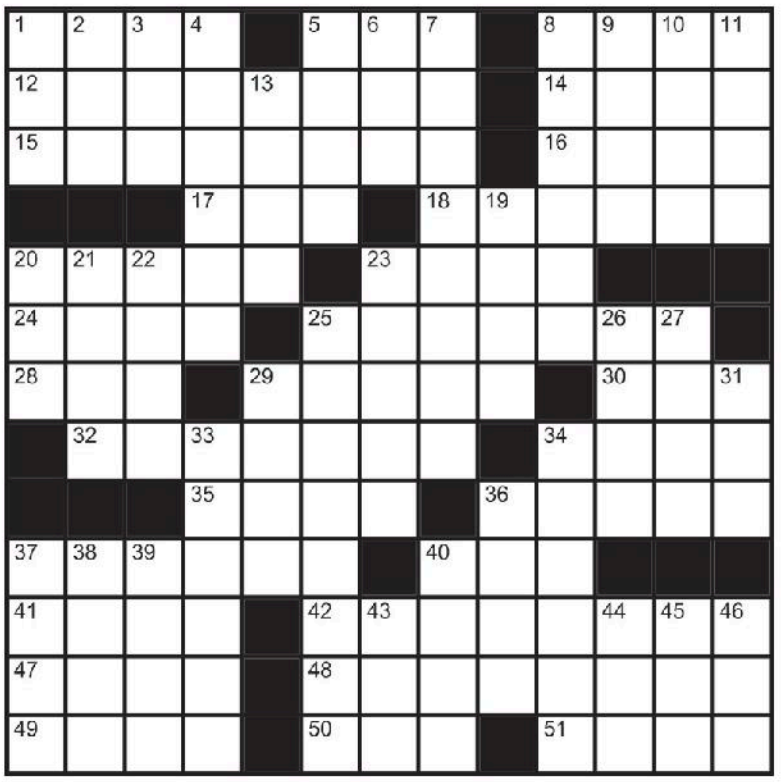

SUDOKU

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		2			4			
	3		5		1		7	
			6			1		
7		5				8		
								6
			3	9	7	2		

Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	1	8	4	3	9	6	2
9	3	8	1	6	2	7	5	4
4	6	2	7	9	5	1	8	3
8	2	5	9	1	6	4	3	7
3	7	6	4	2	8	5	9	1
1	9	4	5	3	7	8	2	6
5	1	3	6	7	9	2	4	8
6	4	9	2	8	1	3	7	5
2	8	7	3	5	4	6	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SCIICF SC HCQOVQCH WZF IZZ KBPVZDQ KOOFCACBQVZBQ,

IAKB FDVBCH SE IZZ TZBWVHCBI QCTDFVIE.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  Leo (K) - 2 Shows; *Leo (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  Ghost (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Bhagavanth Kesari (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  Bhavapoorna (K) - 2 Shows; *Leo (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Tiger Nageswara Rao (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** **Ph: 2452958**
  Leo (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Ph: 2497199**
  Yaariyan 2 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  TRP Rama (K) - 2 Shows; *Garuda Purana (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  Maa Oori Polimera 2 (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** **Ph: 2520494**
  Tagarupalya (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Tagarupalya (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm; (S-4) 10.00 pm
Leo (Ta)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Ghost (K)	(S-1)	9.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Garuda Purana (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am
UT 69 (H)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
Keeda Cola (Te)	(S-2)	7.15 pm, 9.45 pm
12th Fail (H)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 7.00 pm
Crazy Keerthy (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Garudan (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Cycle Savari (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Crazy Keerthy (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Garuda Purana (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Basrikatte (K)	(S-1)	6.45 pm
Leo (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm; (S-3) 1.30 pm, 7.00 pm
Leo (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Ghost (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm, 6.45 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Aankh Micholi (H)	:	9.20 am, 1.15 pm, 10.00 pm
UT 69 (H)	:	10.20 am, 6.20 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	10.25 am, 12:25 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	10.35 am, 3.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Leo (Ta)	:	11.35 am, 6.00 pm, 10:15 pm
Taylor Swift: Eras Tour (E)	:	12 noon, 3.30 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Basrikatte (K)	:	1.00 pm
Ghost (K)	:	1.45 pm, 3.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Keedaa Cola (Te)	:	3.40 pm
TRP Rama (K)	:	4.40 pm
Maa Oori Polimera 2 (Te)	:	6.25 pm
Bhavapoorna (K)	:	7.30 pm
Garudan (Ma)	:	9.00 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Leo (Ta)	:	12.05 pm, 3.35 pm, 9.30 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	12.30 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.15 pm
Ghost (K)	:	12.55 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Crazy Keerthy (K)	:	3.35 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Shastry Viruddh Shastry (H)	:	6.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 9)

- **Whispers Of Inanimate Beauty:** Still Life Art Exhibition and Sale by M.L. Pavan Kumar, Neralu Belaku Art Gallery Mysore, Coffee City, M.H. Ambarish Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage**, up to 10 pm.**
- **Jumbo Circus:** Three shows, Horse Park grounds, behind Mysuru Zoo, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru and Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai:** Free Hearing Aid Distribution Programme, Mysuru ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri and JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath chief guests, journalist Rashmi Koti guest of honour, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Medical Education Division Director R. Mahesh presides, Sri Rajendra Bhavana, M.G. Road, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), a Cultural Wing of VPAC&C Trust, Mysuru:** 39th edition of Vasundharotsava-2023 - an Indian Classical Dance & Music Extravaganza, Odissi by Vidu. Anushree Padmanabha (Mysuru), **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vid. Atanu Das (Kolkata); Felicitation to Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha Secretary KSN Prasad, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.** [Mob: 98451-20497]

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 10)

- **Whispers Of Inanimate Beauty:** Still Life Art Exhibition and Sale by M.L. Pavan Kumar, Neralu Belaku Art Gallery Mysore, Coffee City, M.H. Ambarish Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage**, 7 am to 10 pm.**
- **Ramakrishna Vidyakendra:** Makkala Santhe, actor Chandan Achar inaugurates, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha President M. Papegowda presides, School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **10 am to 4 pm.**
- **Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Centenary year celebrations, Medical Exhibition, Library Hall building, ground floor of MMC&RI, Irwin Road, **10 am to 5 pm.** [Entry is free]
- **University of Mysore (UoM):** Academic Council Meeting, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **11.30 am.**
- **Jumbo Circus:** Three shows, Horse Park grounds, behind Mysuru Zoo, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), a Cultural Wing of VPAC&C Trust, Mysuru:** 39th edition of Vasundharotsava-2023 - an Indian Classical Dance & Music Extravaganza, Karnatak Classical Music by Trichur Brothers — Vid. Krishna Mohan and Vid. Ramkumar Mohan; Felicitation to SPVGMC Trust Secretary C.R. Himamshu, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.15 pm to 9 pm.** [Mob: 98451-20497]

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		6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-2)	10.05 am, 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-3)	12.35 pm; (S-4) 1.55 pm
Leo (Ta)	(S-2)	12.55 pm; (S-3) 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Leo (K)	(S-3)	6.05 pm
T.R.P Rama (K)	(S-4)	4.45 pm
Keedaa Cola (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 3.25 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 pm
Garudan (Ma)	(S-4)	7.30 pm

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Leo (K)	:	12.55 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	10.05 am, 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
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Basrikatte (K)	:	1.25 pm
UT 69 (H)	:	1.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Crazy Keerthy (K)	:	4.05 pm
Bhavapoorna (K)	:	6.45 pm
Garuda Purana (K)	:	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Zeal English Literary Fest

Mysuru, Nov. 9- St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar, a unit of Mysore Diocesan Educational Society (MDES), has organised Zeal English Literary Fest on Nov. 11 at its campus.

Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, Secretary, MDES, along with Rev. Fr. Avinash, Administrator, MDES and Joyce Lobo, CEO, St. Joseph's Institutions, Mysuru, will inaugurate the fest at 9.30 am.

Various schools from Mysuru are taking part in this Inter-School English Literary Competitions for Middle and High School students which includes Recitation, Hat-nite Debate, English Literary Quiz and Character Representation.

Valedictory will be held on the same day along with prize distribution. The competitions are held to inculcate love for literature, appreciate and encourage reading habit among students, according to a press release.

Presentation of certificates

Mysuru, Nov. 9- International School of Milling Technology (ISMT), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), Mysuru, has organised a programme at IFTTC auditorium, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, tomorrow (Nov. 10) at 12 noon to present certificates to 42nd ISMT course students.

Dr. K. Leelavathi, former Senior Principal Scientist, FMBCT Department, CSIR-CFTRI, will be the chief guest.

Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, will preside over the event.

Introduction of ISMT by Dr. Suresh D. Sakhare, Co-ordinator, ISMT, CSIR-CFTRI. Introduction of chief guest by S. Mohan Kumar, Principal Technical Officer, ISMT. Wrap up by Basavarajappa Mundalamani, Convenor, ISMT, CSIR-CFTRI, according to a press release.

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- Resume to be submitted on or before 16-11-2023.

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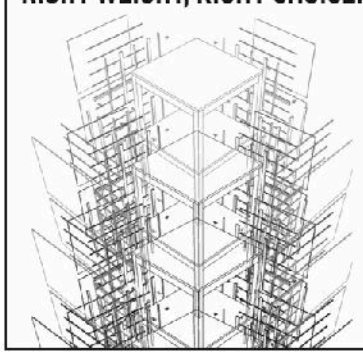

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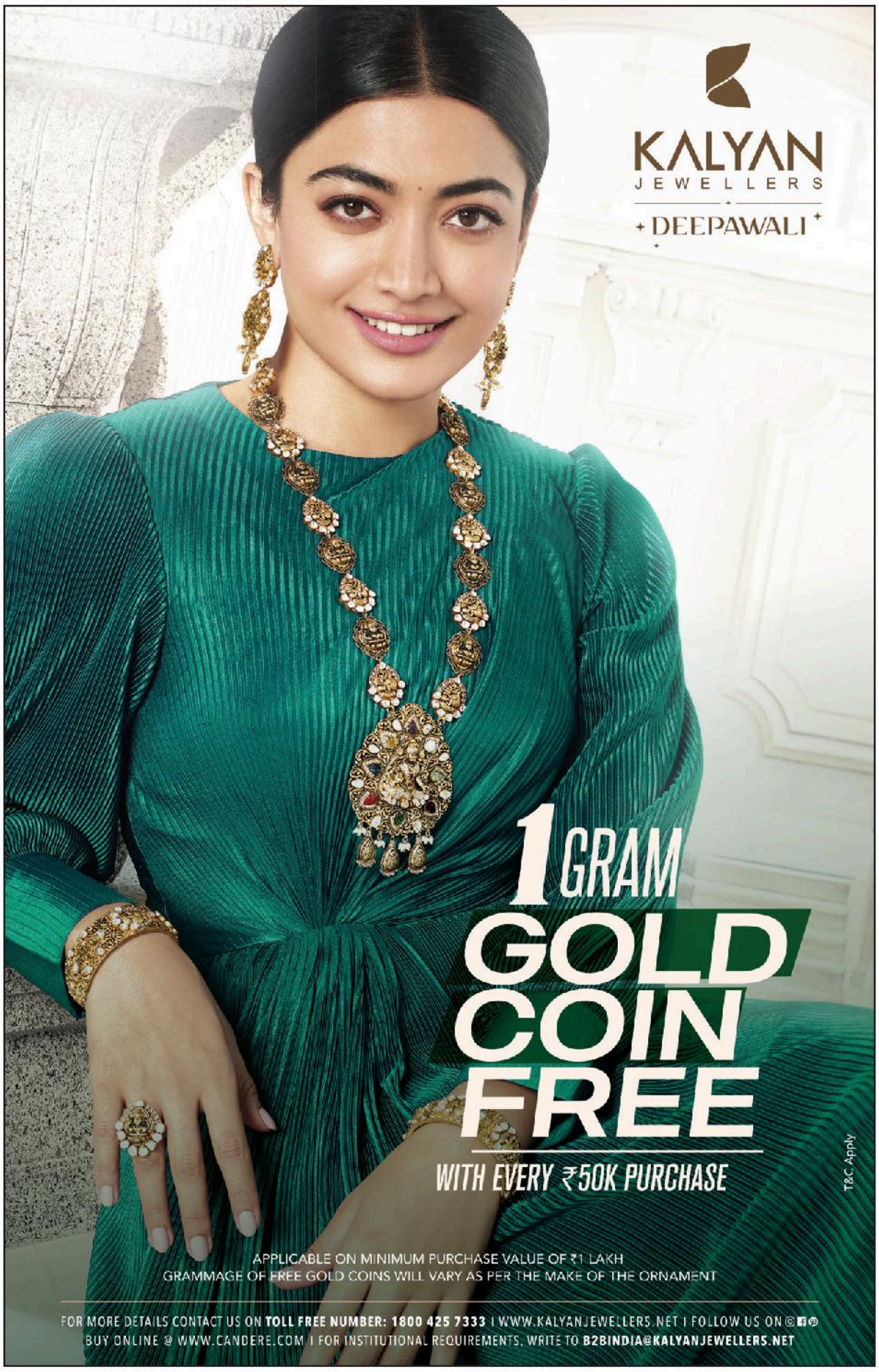
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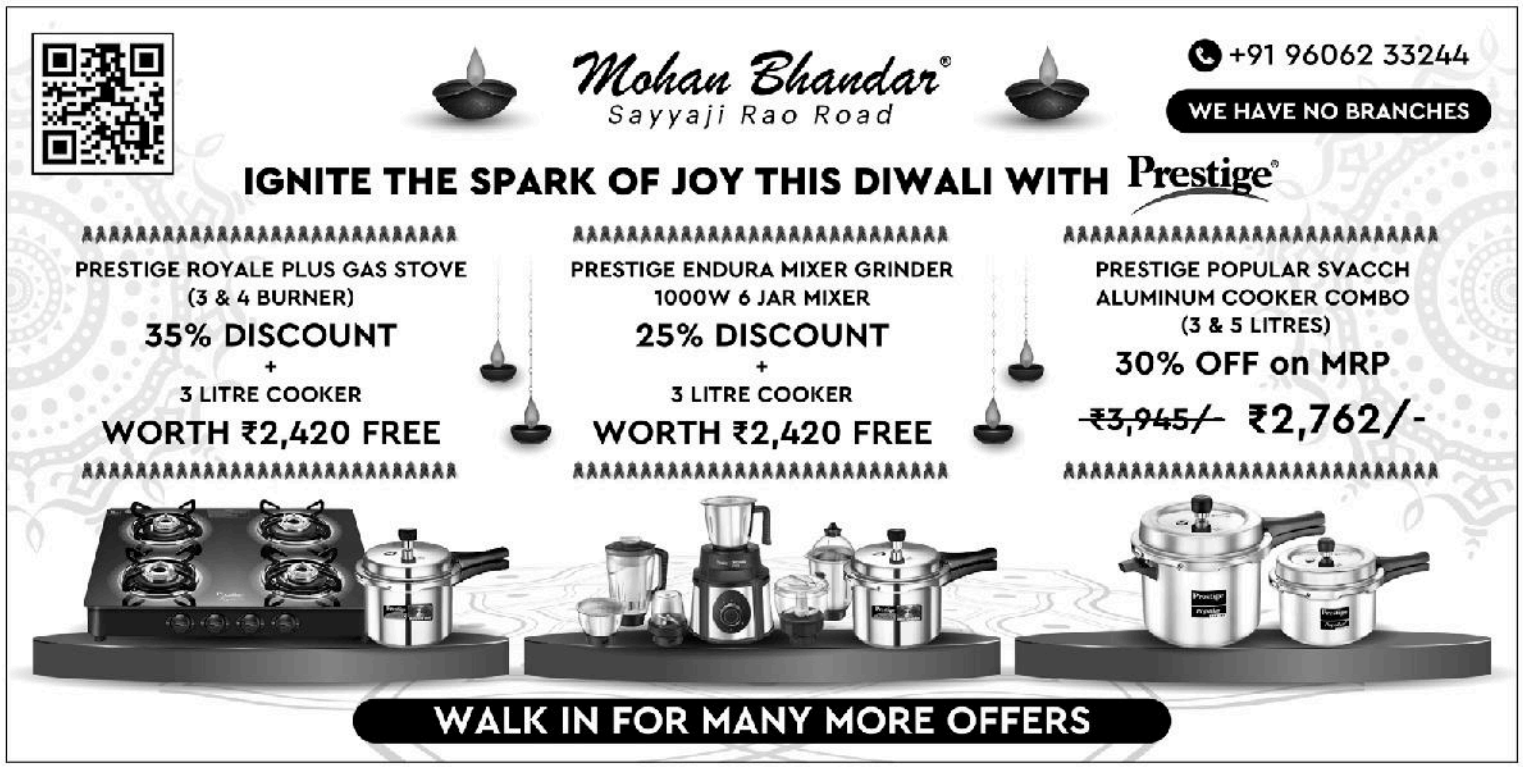
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